

City of Gaithersburg
2003 W. Edward Bohrer, Jr. Memorial
CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship
in partnership with The W. Edward Bohrer Memorial Fund,
BAE SYSTEMS, Lockheed Martin, and Rodgers & Associates



For students of Gaithersburg, Journey, Northwest, Phoenix II,
Quince Orchard, and Watkins Mill High Schools **who are City residents**

Scholarship Information

Recognizing we are all human and no one is perfect, this scholarship is nonetheless intended for an individual who embodies the Six Pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS! - trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship. The recipient must be a high school senior who will be pursuing post high school education - college, university, or trade school.

Distribution of Funds

At least \$10,000 will be awarded at the discretion of the selection committee. Availability of this application will be announced via mail to high school counseling offices by October 30, 2002. Awards are determined and winners notified by April 30, 2003. Checks will be presented at the first Mayor and Council meeting of May. Corporate sponsorship is through Lockheed-Martin, Rodgers & Associates, and BAE SYSTEMS.

Criteria for Selection

1. Personal merit and embodiment of the pillars of CHARACTER COUNTS!
2. Financial need – *please note that this is an important criterion.*
3. Commitment to further education

Timeline of Scholarship

October 30, 2002	Applications available through school guidance counselors and by calling the City Human Services Office secretary at 301-258-6395. Also at www.ci.gaithersburg.md.us under <i>About the City</i> , click on CHARACTER COUNTS!, then go to bottom of that page.
February 28, 2003	Applications due to address below by 4 p.m.
March-April 2003	Applications reviewed, finalists chosen, and winners notified by April 18, 2003.
May 5, 2003	Funds presented at the Gaithersburg Mayor and City Council meeting, City Hall, 7:30 p.m..

CHARACTER COUNTS! Agreement

Winners of the scholarships who are involved in illegal activities between time of announcement and time of presentation, or any other activities deemed to be detrimental to the CHARACTER COUNTS! philosophy, may lose the scholarship.

To complete the application

Answer all questions thoroughly. Attach the essay by paper clip. **DO NOT STAPLE ANYTHING.**

Include two *sealed*, completed recommendation forms.

One MUST be from a person employed at your school.

One MUST be from a supervisor at your job, extra-curricular activity, or student service learning site.

Include a **copy of your and your parents' 2002 IRS 1040 or 1040 EZ forms, W2s, and Schedules A & B (if used.)**

Include a **copy of your FAFSA.** Again, **DO NOT STAPLE ANYTHING.**

Submit application **by 4 PM, February 28, 2003** to:

CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship
Human Services Office
1 Wells Avenue (across parking lot from City Hall)
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

INCOMPLETE OR LATE APPLICATIONS WILL **NOT** BE REVIEWED.

APPLICATIONS LACKING **THE ABOVE DEFINED** RECOMMENDATIONS, TAX FORMS, AND FAFSA FORMS WILL **NOT** BE REVIEWED. (* See note on next page, Section C., re: tax forms.)



Gaithersburg

A CHARACTER COUNTS! CITY

2003 Application Form

City of Gaithersburg

W. Edward Bohrer Memorial CHARACTER COUNTS! Scholarship

*(Please attach NO information to this application that is not requested. Submit **NO** 2-sided documents.)*

Applicant's Name _____

High School _____

Home Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Home Phone _____ email address _____

Have you used a City Street Listing to determine if you are a City resident? ____ (yes) **Please do so. You can find a City Street Listing in your counselor's office or on the City's website at www.ci.gaithersburg.md.us.** Go to *About the City*, click on *CHARACTER COUNTS!*, then go to the bottom of that page.

A. CHARACTER COUNTS! Essay

Please answer the questions below. Use a separate sheet of paper and attach it to this form when finished. The essay should be **two paragraphs only, and no more than 1 page with 1 inch margins around, in 12 point font.**

Paragraph 1: Other than a relative, who is the most important role model in your life who has helped you develop one of the Six Pillars (of CHARACTER COUNTS!) in your character.

Paragraph 2: How have you incorporated that influence into your life, and why is it important to you to do so?

Please be very careful to respond to the above questions specifically.

For the remainder of the questions, please use only the space provided.

B. After High School

Please tell us to which schools you have applied, why you chose those schools, and field of study, if known.

C. Financial Information

Guardians' combined adjusted gross income from 2002's tax return. Please check one.

Under \$15,000 _____	\$35,000 to \$45,000 _____	\$65,000 to \$75,000 _____
\$15,000 to \$25,000 _____	\$45,000 to \$55,000 _____	\$75,000 to \$85,000 _____
\$25,000 to \$35,000 _____	\$55,000 to \$65,000 _____	Above \$85,000 _____

* (If your parent has not done the 2002 tax return, you may turn in this application anyway. **HOWEVER**, if you do not turn in the required tax returns/FAFSA by March 21, 2003, your application will be disqualified.)

D. Family Information

Please list all members of your household (including the applicant) and their ages.

Will any other family members be attending post high school education during the next four years? If so, please specify name(s) and date(s).

List any family factors deserving special consideration, such as unusual medical expenses, or care of relatives.

For what other scholarships and aid have you applied and what is the status of your application(s)?
Please note that the checks given to students via this scholarship will have to be deposited with the school of your choice, and will be made out to both student and school.

E. Community Service

Which of your community service learning experiences was the most meaningful to you, and why? (*Use only this space.*)

By my signature, I verify that all of the above information is accurate, and is honestly stated.

Signature of Student _____ Date _____

Recommendation Form
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Student:

Fill in the information directly below, place your name on the front of an envelope, and give this form along with the envelope to the person acting as a reference. **Have the person completing this form place it in the envelope, seal the flap, sign his/her name across the sealed flap, and return the envelope to you.** The two *sealed* references **MUST** be included with your application. One reference **MUST** be a member of the faculty of your school. One **MUST** be a supervisor from a work/volunteer site. Neither reference can be related to you.

Student name _____
High School _____
Home Address _____
City/State/Zip _____
Home phone _____

Reference:

How long have you known the applicant and in what context?

What are the first four words that come to your mind to describe this student?

Please describe the student's strength of character. HOW have you seen this student display the character traits of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring, and citizenship? *Please give specific examples.* **Also include any information which you feel will help differentiate this applicant from others.** (Attach another sheet of paper if necessary)

Please provide a description of the applicant's relative maturity, integrity, independence, intellectual purpose, judgment, special talents, initiative, and potential for post high school educational commitment. (If you attach a typed reference, please **DO NOT STAPLE** it to the page.)

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Phone number (h) _____ (w) _____

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